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Case 3152

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27 April 1998 (27.04.98)

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

/SE 99/00678

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 6 D21H17/71 C08F220/56 //D21H17:20,D21H17:68,D21H21:10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHEDMinimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 IPC 6 D21H C08F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ✓	EP 0 805 234 A (NALCO CHEMICAL CO) 5 November 1997 (1997-11-05) cited in the application page 4, line 27 - line 58 page 7, line 50 - line 54 claims 1,4 ---	1-24
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 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/SE 99/ 00678	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/04/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 27/04/1998
Applicant AKZO NOBEL N.V.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.
 It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
 - contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished
- 2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).
- 3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).
- 4. With regard to the **title**,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention relates to a process for the production of paper from a suspension containing cellulosic fibres, and optional fillers, comprising adding to the suspension drainage and retention aids comprising a cationic organic polymer and anionic microparticulate material, forming and dewatering the suspension on a wire, wherein the cationic organic polymer has a non-aromatic hydrophobic group. The invention further relates to a cationic vinyl addition polymer comprising in polymerized form at least one non-cationic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group and at least one cationic monomer.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		

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International application No. PCT/SE99/00678

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-17 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-25 with telefax of 17/05/2000

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-25
	No:	Claims None
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims None
	No:	Claims 1-25
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-25
	No:	Claims None

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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. None of the documents cited in the international search report would appear to disclose all features of any of independent process claims 1 or 2 , or independent product claim 16. Thus, the provisions of Art. 33(2) PCT would appear fulfilled.
2. The subject-matter of claim 1 would appear to differ in view of closest prior art EP-A-0 805 234 (D1) (see in particular page 4, line 27-page 5, line 22; page 7, line 50-line 54; claims 1 and 4) in that none of the monomers disclosed by this document exhibits a non-aromatic hydrophobic group which is an alkyl group containing at least 3 carbon atoms selected from n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, t-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl and dodecyl.

It must however be considered that a slight modification of the monomers disclosed by D1 such that the hydrophobic group is extended from 2 to **at least 3** carbon atoms, as suggested by present claim 1, is a minor modification which comes within the scope of the customary practice followed by persons skilled in the art, especially as the advantages thus achieved can be readily contemplated in advance. Moreover, any clear effects not foreseeable by one skilled in the art and directly coupled to this distinguishing feature are not discernable from the application.

Consequently, the subject-matter of claim 1 appears to lack an inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT).

3. Similar arguments apply to independent claims 2 (note in particular hydrophobic group containing less than 3 carbon atoms under (ii)) and 16 (polymers which would not appear to provide any particular effects) (Art. 33(3) PCT).
4. The additional matter recited in dependent claims 3,4,6,11,17,18,24 would in substance appear to be known from document D1 (Art. 33(3) PCT).
5. As to the rest of the dependent claims, they would not appear to involve any

inventive step over D1, in view of the teaching known from the remaining documents of the international search report (see specific passages cited therein), where appropriate supplemented with common knowledge of the skilled person in the field.

6. The industrial applicability would appear evident (Art. 33(4) PCT).

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the background art of all of the relevant documents cited in the search report are not mentioned in the description nor are all of these documents mentioned therein.
2. Independent claim 16 should be drafted in the two-part form where the characterizing portion is preceded by the words "characterized in that".

Re Item VIII

Certain observations

Although claims 1 and 2 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought and/or in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness. Moreover, lack of clarity of the claims as a whole arises, since the plurality of independent claims makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, and places an undue burden on others seeking to establish the extent of the protection.

Hence, claims 1 and 2 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

On entry of the national/regional phase it might be necessary to rise an objection corresponding to R.13.1 PCT in order to establish in which features the common

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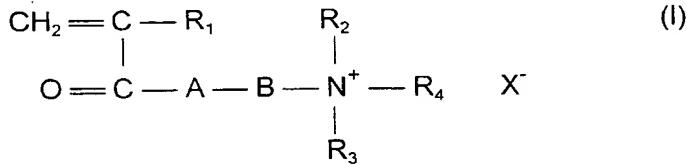
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inventive concept of the independent claims might reside.

Claims

1. A process for the production of paper from a suspension containing cellulosic fibres, and optional fillers, comprising adding to the suspension drainage and retention aids comprising a cationic organic polymer and anionic microparticulate material, forming 5 and dewatering the suspension on a wire, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer has a non-aromatic hydrophobic group.
2. A process according to claim 1, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer is a vinyl addition polymer comprising in polymerized form one or more monomers comprising at least one cationic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic 10 group.
3. A process according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer is a vinyl addition polymer comprising in polymerized form at least one non-cationic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group and at least one cationic monomer.
- 15 4. A process according to claim 1, 2 or 3, characterised in that the hydrophobic group is attached to a nitrogen or oxygen which, in turn, is attached to the polymer backbone via a chain of atoms.
5. A process according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, characterised in that the hydrophobic group is an alkyl group containing from 3 to 12 carbon atoms.
- 20 6. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer is an acrylamide-based polymer.
7. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer comprises in polymerized form a cationic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group represented by the general formula (I):

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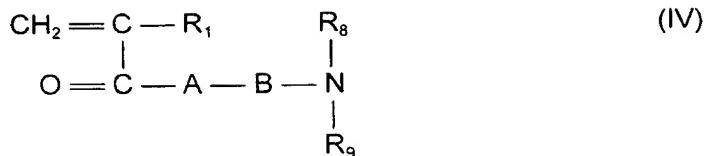


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wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; R₂ and R₃ are each an alkyl group having from 1 to 2 carbon atoms; A is O or NH; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms or a hydroxy propylene group; R₄ is a substituent containing an alkyl group containing from 4 to 8 35 carbon atoms; and X⁻ is an anionic counterion.

8. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer comprises in polymerized form a non-ionic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group represented by the general formula (IV):

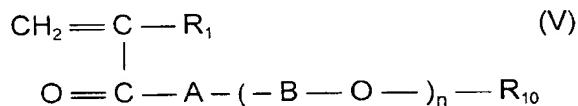
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wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; A is O or NH; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms or a hydroxy propylene group or, alternatively, A and B are both nothing whereby there is a single bond between C and N (O=C-NR₈R₉); R₈ and R₉ are each H or a substituent containing an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, at least one of R₈ and R₉ being a substituent containing an alkyl group having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

9. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer comprises in polymerized form a non-ionic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group represented by the general formula (V):

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wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; A is O; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer of at least 1; R₁₀ is alkyl having at least 2 carbon atoms.

10. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cationic organic polymer is a vinyl addition polymer prepared from a monomer mixture comprising from 5 to 25 mole% of monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group, and from 95 to 75 mole% of other copolymerizable monomers.

11. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the anionic microparticulate material is selected from silica-based particles and bentonite.

12. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the drainage and retention aids further comprises a low molecular weight cationic organic polymer.

13. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the suspension that is dewatered on the wire has a conductivity of at least 2.0 mS/cm.

14. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the process further comprises dewatering the suspension on a wire to obtain a wet web of paper and white water, recirculating the white water and optionally introducing fresh water to form a suspension containing cellulosic fibres, and optional fillers, to be dewatered,

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wherein the amount of fresh water introduced is less than 30 tons per ton of dry paper produced.

15. A process according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that less than 10 tons of fresh water is introduced into the process per ton of dry paper produced.

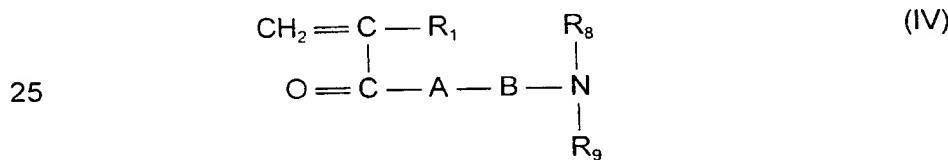
16. A cationic vinyl addition polymer comprising in polymerized form at least one non-cationic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group and at least one cationic monomer.

17. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to claim 16, characterised in that the hydrophobic group is attached to a nitrogen or oxygen which, in turn, is attached to the polymer backbone via a chain of atoms.

18. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to claim 16 or 17, characterised in that the hydrophobic group is an alkyl group containing from 3 to 12 carbon atoms.

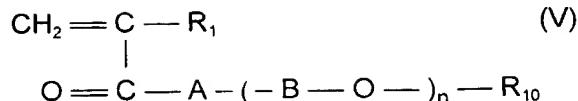
19. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to claim 16, 17 or 18, characterised in that the cationic vinyl addition polymer is an acrylamide-based polymer.

20. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to claim 16, 17, 18 or 19, characterised in that the cationic vinyl addition polymer comprises in polymerized form a non-ionic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group represented by the general formula (IV):



wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; A is O or NH; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms or 30 a hydroxy propylene group or, alternatively, A and B are both nothing whereby there is a single bond between C and N (O=C-NR₈R₉); R₈ and R₉ are each H or a substituent containing an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, at least one of R₈ and R₉ being a substituent containing an alkyl group having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

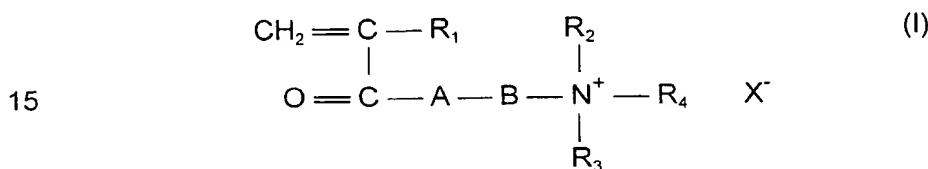
21. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to any of claims 16 to 20, characterised in that the cationic vinyl addition polymer comprises in polymerized form a non-ionic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group represented by the general formula (V):



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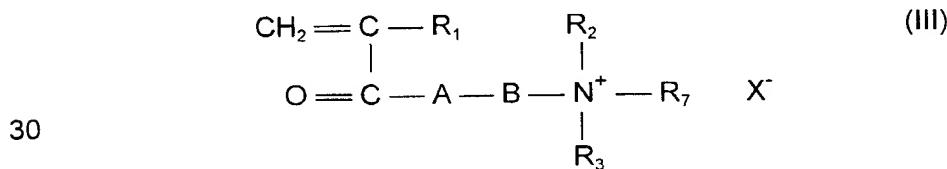
wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; A is O or NH; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms; n is an integer of at least 1; R₁₀ is alkyl having at least 2 carbon atoms.

22. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to any of claims 16 to 21,
10 characterised in that the cationic vinyl addition polymer comprises in
polymerized form a cationic monomer represented by the general formula (I):



15 wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; R₂ and R₃ are each H or an alkyl group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; A is O or NH; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms or a hydroxy propylene group; R₄ is a non-aromatic hydrocarbon group containing from 4 to 8 carbon atoms; and X⁻ is an anionic counterion.

23. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to any of claims 16 to 22,
characterised in that the cationic vinyl addition polymer comprises in
25 polymerized form a cationic monomer represented by the general formula (III):



30 wherein R₁ is H or CH₃; R₂ and R₃ are each H or an alkyl group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, suitably 1 to 2 carbon atoms; A is O or NH; B is an alkylene group of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms, suitably 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a hydroxy propylene group; R₇ is H, an alkyl group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, a benzyl group or a phenylethyl group; and X⁻ is an anionic counterion.

24. A cationic vinyl addition polymer according to any of claims 16 to 23,
characterised in that the cationic vinyl addition polymer is prepared from a
40 monomer mixture comprising from 5 to 25 mole% of non-ionic monomer having a non-aromatic hydrophobic group, and from 95 to 75 mole% of other copolymerizable monomers.

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